

THE FLOODS.

Rivers at Pittsburg are Rapidly Receding.

TRAFFIC RESUMES.

Damage to Property in Pittsburg District Is Very Large—Many Lives Lost in Ohio Towns.

Athens, O., March 16.—The waters of the Hocking river took seven lives in Athens and four elsewhere in the county, and for several days cut Athens off from the world.

Pittsburg, March 16.—With the rapid receding of waters in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers which is taking place here, conditions are fast assuming normal proportions and the greatest flood in the history of the city is at an end. At nightfall Friday the approaches to the bridges were clear of water and several hours later street car service in the flood districts was resumed. Thousands of suburbanites who have been stranded in this city since early Thursday were able to reach their homes, while the down town section, which has been crowded with sightseers since the sudden rise of water, is almost deserted. The only apparent indication of the flood in the down town section are many pipes across the sidewalks through which water is being pumped from submerged basements.

At 9 o'clock last night the rivers had fallen almost eight feet. At that hour the stage was 29 feet and dropping a half foot an hour.

Immediately following the subsiding of the water the task of computing and repairing the damage was begun. A majority of the employees of the large manufacturing establishments who were temporarily thrown out of employment are endeavoring to put the plants in working order and it is said that by Sunday all these establishments will resume operations.

Ten square miles were inundated. The loss in dollars will probably never be known, but the actual loss will probably not exceed \$1,000,000.

The probabilities are that the Belasco, Gayety, Alvin and Bijou theatres will be open to the public this evening. A large force of men are repairing the electric plants damaged by the water in the basements of the playhouses.

Reports from all parts of western Pennsylvania are that the flood has subsided and efforts are being made to clear up the wreckage.

Railroad service which was demoralized by the high water is rapidly resuming.

Cincinnati, March 16.—Flood conditions in southern Ohio Friday showed little change and that little was for the worse. Forecaster Bassler predicts a 60-foot stage in the Ohio at Cincinnati by Saturday night. Of the many flooded towns in this region Parkersburg, W. Va., and Marietta, O., seem to be the greatest sufferers.

At Parkersburg the electric light plant was put out of commission and the city is in darkness.

The loss to Marietta will be enormous. Water has flooded the main street. Many residents have been forced to vacate their homes. There is considerable suffering, as only a few scattered groceries in the hills are able to supply food. The court house, the city buildings and the city lighting plant are under water. The city is in darkness last night. Much damage has been done in the oil fields and there is considerable suffering in the surrounding country. Two men were drowned Friday.

Steubenville, O., March 16.—Sixteen members of two foreign families are reported to the officials at Ningo Junction to have been drowned Friday in the flood. The houses floated away with their occupants. Every house in the east side of Mingo Junction is submerged and 1,000 people there are homeless. Flood sufferers are being sheltered and fed in the mayor's office, lodge rooms and school houses. At Empire every house but three is submerged and 500 are homeless.

Columbus, O., March 16.—M. S. Conners, general superintendent of the Hocking Valley, the Toledo & Ohio Central, the Kanawha & Michigan and the Zanesville & Western railroads, last night estimated the damage by flood to those lines in southern Ohio at about \$100,000.

According to S. C. Robinson, who returned Friday from a trip through the Hocking valley, the damage done by the flood will reach \$500,000, seven persons were drowned at Athens and three at Nelsonville.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 16.—The crest of the flood passed this city at 11 p. m. The water reached a stage of almost 50 feet and then began to recede at the rate of one inch an hour.

The city and surrounding towns on both sides of the river are completely cut off from the world by rail and steamer. Every foot of Wheeling is up in submerged and 7,000 residents have been driven to upper floors. It is estimated that 5,000 homes are flooded, affecting 25,000 people. The property loss will reach \$500,000. On fatality is reported, that of a Wheeling Island resident, who is missing and was last seen Thursday night in a ship.

Postmen are charging extortionate prices for registering marooned residents. All newspapers have temporarily suspended publication because the plants have been submerged.

During Friday a score or more of houses passed down the river, including two-story dwellings and a school house. The latter with the stars and stripes bravely floating from its little chimney.

CONCERNING THE WEIGHT OF SOULS.



FINANCE AND TRADE.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Business Conditions.

New York, March 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Spring trade is making a most satisfactory comparison with the volume at this time last year, except in a few sections where the weather is unfavorable, and mercantile collections improve steadily despite the high money market. Leading industries have orders covering production well into the future, especially cotton factories and steel mills, while the output of pig iron when the month opened was close to the largest on record. High prices in the footwear industry have checked placing of contracts for fall shoes at New England factories, some decline in prices of hides and leather encouraging buyers to delay ordering the finished product, but most mills are still busy on spring goods.

Prices are well maintained in all sections of the iron and steel industry, premiums being frequently offered for prompt delivery, but orders are seldom accepted on these terms because of the oversold condition of mills and furnaces. Pig iron is notably active at Birmingham, large contracts having been placed this month covering deliveries up to the last quarter.

Japan's Preparations for War. Berlin, March 16.—Capt. Rodie of the general staff of the Austrian-Turkish army has published a pamphlet entitled "The Prospects of the Future American-Japanese War," in which he says that the unprotected Pacific coast of the United States offers excellent chances for the success of the Japanese. He asserts that Japan is working feverishly to complete her military and naval equipments, adding that during the last few months 50,000 men have been at work day and night in the arsenals turning out guns and small arms and that the cartridge manufacturers at Tokyo and Nagoya have turned out daily 500 rifles.

A Fight for Life. Baltimore, March 16.—A fight for life in the coal business is what William A. Glasgow, attorney for the Pitsburg Coal Co., termed its suit against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., which was begun in the United States circuit court Friday before Judge Morris. The petition of the Pitsburg company and the other independent operators prays the court to restrain the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from discriminating against the independent coal operators in the distribution of coal cars.

Was Tortured by Robbers. Cleveland, March 16.—Bound in his chair and helpless against the torture inflicted upon him by two midnight marauders, Lewis Newton, 45, of 1302 Spruce avenue, told where he had hidden his money rather than endure pricks from a sharp knife. Twenty feet away, in an adjoining room, two fellow workmen of Newton slept, unaware of what was going on. This was the story Newton told the police. About \$10 was stolen. The officers arrested Robert Blanchard and John Campbell, charged with the robbery. Both were bound over by Judge Whelan Friday.

Grand Jury Has No Power to Act. Cleveland, March 16.—Aroused by the proof of cruelty at the Cleveland State hospital, the grand jurors want to go there in a body, hold sessions, and, if possible, indict anyone found to have abused patients. The jurors sent a committee to Judge Ford to ask him whether there was authority in law for them to visit the institution at Newburg. Judge Ford looked up the law. He found that the juryman had authority to visit institutions operated by the city, but not state institutions.

Money-Laden Trunks are Afloat. Zanesville, O., March 16.—Somehow between this point and Cincinnati two trunks laden with gold and other currency are floating on the bosom of the flood. Three Hungarians, who lost their lives here Thursday, were making a desperate effort to freight the trunks to safety. One of the trunks is said to have contained \$5,000 and the other nearly \$7,000. The trunks contained their own and the savings of a score of their countrymen.

NEWS BOILED DOWN.

The late shah of Persia left jewels to the value of \$50,000,000. Chief among them are diamonds.

It has been decided to hold the national G. A. R. encampment at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the week beginning September 9.

Senator Foraker is gathering evidence at his own expense in defense of former negro soldiers who were discharged from the army for alleged complicity in the "shooting up" of Brownsville, Tex.

The president has appointed Seth Low, of New York, and Thomas G. Bush, of Birmingham, Ala., as representatives of the public under the act of congress establishing a foundation for the promotion of industrial peace.

Flint Williams and Henry Gardner, two negroes, were taken from the jail at Monroe, La., and hanged in the court house square by about 50 men. Both negroes confessed to having, with a third negro, shot and robbed two Italians.

Lottery Man Escapes Punishment. Savannah, Ga., March 16.—United States Commissioner Hewitt on Friday dismissed the case against A. W. Masterson, a Savannah tobaccoist who was indicted in Mobile, Ala., upon a charge of conspiracy with others to advertise a lottery scheme, it being alleged that Masterson had been the Savannah representative of the Honduras lottery. The decision was based upon the view that the lottery lists introduced in evidence as advertising matter were not advertisements because they had been issued after drawings had taken place.

City Officials are Cited for Contempt. Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—The lower house of the Tennessee legislature has ordered the arrest of the mayor and city council of Nashville and requiring that the members be brought before the bar of the house next Monday. The council is charged with contempt, the members having recently adopted a resolution bitterly criticizing Speaker Cunningham for a speech he made on the floor of the house in which he said the councilmen were controlled by a local telephone company.

Engineer and Fireman Killed. Little Rock, Ark., March 16.—An eastbound Rock Island passenger train ran into an open switch at Cuneo, Ark., Friday. Engineer Killeovne and Fireman Currier were killed. Investigation disclosed that the wreck was the work of a train wrecker. None of the passengers were injured.

Steel Trust's Profits \$156,824,000. New York, March 16.—The United States Steel Corporation, according to its annual report issued Friday, has passed through the most prosperous year in its history. The gross receipts were \$694,755,926. The net earnings were \$156,824,273.

Entire Family Drowned. Parkersburg, W. Va., March 16.—Four persons were drowned late Thursday night in an effort to escape from their pottering home at Riverside to a place of safety. William Francis, his wife, daughter and son are the victims.

A Fatal Cavern. New York, March 16.—One man was killed and several others injured in the collapse of a building in Williamsburg Friday when the west wall caved in, burying a dozen workmen. The structure was being razed.

Murderous Jealousy. Butler, Pa., March 16.—August Colliet, a glass worker 40 years old, last night shot and killed his wife and then killed himself. Colliet is said to have been jealous of his wife.

Passed an Anti-Bucket Shop Bill. Jefferson City, Mo., March 16.—The house on Friday passed a bill making the operation of a bucket shop a felony. The maximum penalty for violation is from two to five years in the penitentiary. The bill now goes to Gov. Folk.

Two Men Drowned. Chillicothe, O., March 16.—A pile driver and locomotive on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway went through the levee into the Soloto river last evening. Brakeman John Long and Thomas Wheeler drowned.

A KNOCKOUT

Blow Is Given to Standard Oil Argument.

IN A REBATE CASE.

Judge Landis in the Federal Court at Chicago Renders a Decision in Favor of the Government.

Chicago, March 16.—The contentions of the attorneys for the Standard Oil Co. that the government, which is now prosecuting the company on indictments charging it with accepting rebates, and not proven the existence of the route by which it claimed the alleged shipments in violation of law had been made, were on Friday swept away by Judge Landis in the United States district court.

The court declared that the government had proven the existence of a route by the Chicago & Alton railroad from Whiting, Ind., and Chappell, Ill., to St. Louis. He also declared that the omission of the name of Chappell from the tariff sheet did not invalidate that tariff as applied to the Standard Oil case.

It was asserted by the attorneys for the defendant company that the government had not shown sufficient publication of the tariff sheet. Judge Landis declared that the publication had been shown as far as necessary to warrant a prosecution of the present case.

The arguments had lasted for almost three days, and a decision in favor of the Standard Oil Co. meant that the government would be prevented from producing further evidence. It had brought into court witnesses to testify to the existence of the route to St. Louis, and if the court had decided that no route had been proven, the government necessarily could never have shown that freight had been shipped as alleged in the indictments.

The prosecution had shown before the arguments were begun that the tariff sheets were posted in the railway offices in Chicago where the principal business connected with the oil shipments was transacted, and the court declared that the only use which the oil company had for Whiting, Ind., and Chappell, Ill., as far as this particular case was concerned was for the handling of freight.

The court declared that the posting of tariffs at Chappell was not of importance because it had been proven that the public did not go there to transact freight business. The proof, according to the opinion of Judge Landis, showed that the railroad company had sent out thousands of copies of tariff sheets containing a through rate between Chappell and St. Louis, and between Whiting and St. Louis, and had also kept these sheets in the Chicago office where the oil company transacted its business.

Are Working on a New Theory. Chicago, March 16.—It having been proved impossible to obtain any trace of the \$175,000 which disappeared from the Chicago sub-treasury, secret service officers are now working on the theory that an employee of the sub-treasury, subject to mental aberrations, misplaced the money. This employee has admitted that he is subject to attacks when his mind is a blank. He will be closely watched in the hope that some clue as to the whereabouts of the money may be obtained.

\$200,000 Fire Loss. Pittsburg, March 16.—In a fire that threatened the entire Mt. Washington section of the city, known as the Twenty-seventh ward, 25 business structures and dwellings were destroyed Friday, causing a loss of \$200,000.

A Doubly Fatal Wreck. Meadville, Pa., March 16.—Freight train No. 75 on the Erie railroad was derailed six miles east of this place Friday and Engineer Logan, of Kent, O., and Brakeman Beers were killed. Three other trainmen were injured.

Excitement at Goldfield. Goldfield, Nev., March 16.—Goldfield is in a state of excitement following the action of the Business Men's and Mine Owners' association in fighting the Industrial Workers of the World by closing all business houses until the miners shall have succeeded from the Industrial Workers. Guards are everywhere in the city, hundreds of deputy sheriffs and constables having been appointed as patrols.

A Desperate Battle with Robbers. The Hague, March 16.—A dispatch received here from the island of Celebes, Dutch East Indies, announces that the Dutch troops captured an important rebel stronghold, after a stubborn fight. The enemy left 280 men dead on the field. The troops captured 200 women and 72 men. The losses of the Dutch were small.

Killed His Sweetheart and Himself. New Orleans, March 16.—Accosting Miss Duxey Dobson, his 17-year-old sweetheart, on the main street of Pointe a la Hache, La., Whitney Mollere, a young planter, asked her to marry him. Upon being refused Mollere shot and killed the girl and himself.

Match Makers to Get More Pay. Oswego, N. Y., March 16.—Five hundred employees of the Diamond Match Co. here were notified Friday that on April 1 they will be granted an increase of 10 per cent. in wages.

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An Epidemic of Spotted Fevers. Sandusky, O., March 16.—There is much excitement at Sandusky, over the spread of "spotted fever," or cerebro-spinal meningitis, which has claimed five victims in the village within a week, with indications that the death list will be increased. Following the three deaths a week ago, two more occurred Thursday. J. H. Lyon died in agony and a child of Louis Hall, aged 5 years, died 12 hours after being stricken. Mrs. Carl Huenrich, mother of a month-old babe, is dying, and a child of Mrs. Sherman Tyler, who died of the disease a week ago, is fatally ill. A child named Quisno is also very ill.

An Appeal for Aid. Columbus, O., March 16.—An appeal has been made to Gov. Harris for state aid to relieve the destitution in the Hocking valley occasioned by the recent floods. A call for help was wired by Mayor Gormley, of Glouster, and in response to a telegram asking for particulars, the following message was received by Gov. Harris: "Two thousand miners out of employment, one-half in need, 500 lost household goods. Clothing and provisions needed quickly." Adit. Gen. Critchfield and Brig. Gen. Sparks, of the Ohio national guard, left last night for Glouster and will purchase supplies for the destitute.

Convention to be Held April 9. Columbus, O., March 16.—J. W. McCord, secretary of the Ohio Shippers' association, announced Friday that the annual convention of the organization which was postponed from March 26, will be held in the Southern hotel here April 9. As the membership of the organization is 50,000, the convention this year is expected to be the most important yet held by it.

Emerson Gives \$9,000 Bail. Columbus, O., March 16.—Lawson Emerson, former clerk of the supreme court, who was indicted on the charge of having embezzled funds from his office, and who has been in jail since he surrendered Tuesday, was on Friday released on bond of \$9,000.

A New Way to Evade the Lid. Cephedon, O., March 16.—A recent edict of Mayor Smith regarding the Sunday lid, in that news stands may stay open. The city is being crowded with news stands, every fruit and ice cream store starting a news department.

Sporting Gossip.

Infielder Mullen, the young player signed by the New York Giants, who refused to go to California with the team because of a difference with McGraw and Brush on the salary question, is attracting the attention of American association and Eastern league managers. Toward the close of last season, when the manager of the New York National League club was casting around the country trying to estimate suitably the strength of the minor league players, in order that he might pick out an infielder or two who would be available material



James Mullen.

In the future, it was suggested to him by Hugh Jennings, that there was one "kid" in Baltimore who seemed to have the right makeup for a future success. Hence the purchase of Mullen, the Baltimore second-baseman, by the New York club. It is not that Mullen has proved to be a phenomenal infielder in the past or that he has set the world on fire by reason of his unusual brilliancy, but that he seems to possess all the qualifications which go toward making a ball player who will last. Of the youngsters who are tried out at various times by major league clubs, only those succeed who have the stability and the fighting instinct. Their experience may be a development of their game, as they become better acquainted with the players of the league to which they go.

Mullen is said to be possessed of the fighting quality, and if he is the chances are that he will be able to show something of value before the coming summer is finished. He is a fair batter, perhaps better than that. He hits with accuracy, and he is not fooled very much by a curve. So far as his infielding is concerned, Jennings says that he improves steadily during his Baltimore experience, and if that is the case there is no reason to believe that he will not improve more under the direction of McGraw.

Tommy Ryan, who in a moment of generosity, turned the middle-weight championship over to Hugo Kelly, and then almost acted the part of "Indian giver," by agreeing to fight Kelly for the middle-weight championship, recently came forward with a new rule, requiring all boxers to be closely shaved two hours before a fight. "Ever since a fight I had with Mysterious Billy Smith some years ago in St. Paul," said Ryan, "I have been extremely careful to see that my opponent was closely shaved, and in some cases made this stipulation when the articles of agreement were signed. In my fight with the mysterious one, I noticed as he entered the ring he needed a shave badly, but in the excitement I never gave it a second thought. After we had been going five or six rounds my right eye was almost closed and pained me dreadfully. In the seventh round I noticed that during every clinch Billy would deliberately take his chin, which had about four days' growth of beard on it, and strongly resembled a wheel in a music box, and put in right in my eye, giving it three or four vicious turns, after the manner of Kid McCoy's famous corker over punch. The referee separated us, but not before Billy got away with his trick. After this I cautioned him, and he cut it out for the rest of the fight. In the last round Smith offered me his hand to shake, but I told him to keep it, and fight with it, instead of his chin. I had the satisfaction, however, notwithstanding my bum lamp, of giving Billy a good beating and he was almost hanging on the ropes at the close."

August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, is now working out a plan for the proposed fund for the protection of old ball players in distress. President Han Johnson brought up the subject at the meeting of the commission in New York, and it was practically left to the chairman to suggest the proper form of institution to carry out the plan. The members of both leagues seem favorable to the idea. President Johnson says a fund of several hundred thousand dollars can be raised in a year, as the lovers of the sport will take enthusiastically to the proposition.

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